



ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

The Administrator of Special Education certificate is valid for service as a supervisor, director, coordinator, and a principal in a field of special education in the public schools of Rhode Island, as established under rules and regulations of the State Board of Regents.

I. **Certificate of Eligibility for Employment (CEE)** – valid for three (3) years.

The initial certificate in Rhode Island for all areas of certification is a CEE. The CEE is used to seek regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island for the field identified on the CEE. The CEE is also valid for service as a substitute teacher. If regular employment is not secured in the three (3) year period, the CEE can be renewed every three (3) years until regular employment is secured. To be issued a CEE as an administrator of special education an individual needs to satisfy all of the following:

- A. Master's Degree in Special Education, or a Master's Degree in any field of education with fifteen graduate level credits in special education as part of or beyond the Master's Degree from an accredited or approved institution of higher education as defined in these regulations.
- B. Eligibility for a Rhode Island special education teaching certificate, school social worker certificate, speech/language pathologist certificate or school psychologist certificate.
- C. Three (3) years of documented teaching experience in special education.
- D. Nine (9) semester hours of graduate level course work in Educational Administration of Special Education Programs; Supervision of Personnel; and Curriculum Development and Evaluation K-12.

II. **Professional Transitional Certificate** - valid for one year.

- A. The professional transitional certificate is issued to individuals who secure regular employment in the public schools of Rhode Island. Upon securing regular employment in Rhode Island, the CEE is used to request a one year professional certificate. When applying for a one year professional transitional certificate the applicant must submit the CEE along with documentation from the employing authority that regular employment has been secured in the certification area of the CEE.
- B. The one year professional transitional certificate may be renewed annually with the submission of a completed application and payment of the renewal fees.

Applicable to certificates expiring after August 31, 2010